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12. The nucleic acid of claim 11, wherein said nucleic acid is labeled with a label selected from the group consisiting of a radioisotope, an enzyme, a fluorscent label, and a chromophore label.--

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

The specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors and to more clearly and particularly point out applicants' invention. Additionally, claims 1-10 have been cancelled and claims 11 and 12 have been added to the application. Claims 11 and 12 recite the nucleotide sequence of the LTR region of human immunodeficiency virus type 1. Support for these claims can be found in the specification at, for example, page 13, lines 6-15; and page 14, lines 11-19.

As the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, it is respectfully requested that they be entered by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims at the Examiner's convenience.

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